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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT


Dear Sir:

- 1) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 applicants enclose a Form PTO-1449, a copy of reference AI cited thereon, English abstracts as indicated on Form PTO-1449, and a copy and an English translation of the International Search Report issued on April 6, 2005 in the corresponding PCT International Application. Copies of references AD to AH are not (and need not be) enclosed, because they have been transmitted to the USPTO by the International Searching Authority in the International processing of this PCT application.
- 2) This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed simultaneously with the above identified new patent application.

- 3) References AA to AC are in English. Reference AD corresponds to AC, and AE corresponds to AB, from which the relevance can be determined in English. References AD to AH are accompanied by English Abstracts. Reference AI has been discussed at pages 1 and 2 of the present specification. Therefore no further discussion of the references is necessary.
- 4) Moreover, the enclosed Search Report indicates the degree of relevance of references AA and AD to AH by category ("X" means relevant to anticipation or obviousness when considered alone; and "Y" means relevant to obviousness when combined with another reference). Thereby a concise explanation of the relevance has been provided (see MPEP §609).
- 5) The Examiner is requested to consider all references of record, return an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and ensure that all references of record are printed on any patent issuing from this application.
- 6) Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 1 to 4 and 13 to 20 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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Enclosures:
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Form PTO-1449,
1 reference,
5 English abstracts,
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